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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS STAN SMITH APPALLED BY APARTHEID.

1. COMMENTS BY VISITING US TENNIS STAR STAN SMITH AT PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND OTHER PUBLIC APPEARANCES NONCOMMITAL, BUT PRESS REPORTS STRONG ANTI- APARTHEID STATEMENTS MADE IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW. " SOWETO LOOKED TO ME LIKE A HUGE CONCENTRATION CAMP.... THE WORST GHETTO I HAVE EVER SEEN. I AM SO APPALLED BY APARTHEID AT CLOSE QUARTERS I WILL HAVE TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO COMING HERE AGAIN." HE REPORTEDLY WENT ON TO DESCRIBE PERSONAL DISGUST AT VARIOUS ASPECTS SA RACE RELATIONS, AS WELL AS MISGIVINGS ABOUT ALLOWING SOUTH AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENT.

2. COMMENT: SMITH'S COMMENTS WIDELY REPORTED, BUT COME AT SAME TIME AS REPORTS THAT SA TENNIS STAR CLIFF DRYSDALE BELIEVES IT UNREALISTIC AND COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE FOR SA EVEN TO ATTEMPT TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORT WITHOUT MAKING ANY CONCESSIONS OR IMPROVEMENTS IN AREA OF MIXED SPORT, AND HAVE NOT RPT NOT CREATED ANY SIGNIFICANT STIR. CLIPPINGS FOLLOW.  
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